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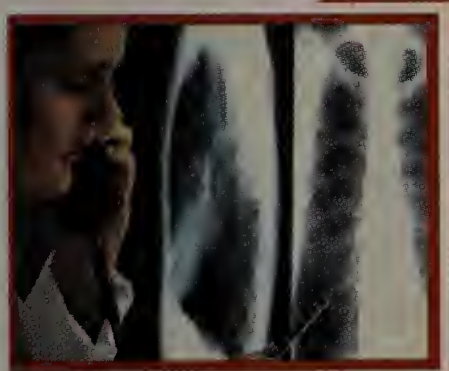
Department of Veterans Affairs
Health Administration Center
**Children of Women
Vietnam Veterans**

Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) Health Care Benefits Program

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Eligibility

Children born to women who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, may be eligible for a monthly monetary allowance, vocational



training and rehabilitation, and health care benefits if they suffer from certain covered birth defects. VA identifies the birth defects as those that are associated with the service of the mother in Vietnam and resulted in permanent physical or mental disability. However, covered birth defects do not include conditions due to:

- Familial disorders;
- Birth-related injuries; or
- Fetal or neonatal infirmities with well-established causes.

Monthly Monetary Allowance

VA will determine the current level of disability upon receipt of a completed VA Form 21-0304, Application for Benefits For Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans With Disabilities. The completed form and medical evidence should be returned to:

VA Regional Office
Veterans Service Center (339/21)
Box 25126
Denver, CO 80225

Medical Benefits

In general, the program covers most health care services and supplies that are medically or psychologically necessary for the treatment of a covered birth defect and related medical conditions.

Since the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) Health Care Program provides health care benefits for covered birth defects and related conditions only, beneficiaries should maintain their comprehensive health care plan for unrelated health care issues.

VA's Health Administration Center (HAC) in Denver, Colorado administers all aspects of the CWVV health care program, including the authorization of medical benefits and the subsequent processing and payment of medical claims. All inquiries regarding health care benefits should be made directly to the HAC.

Medical Provider Options

In addition to approved private providers, some services may also be obtained from VA health care facilities. Contact the VA office in your area to see if they have space available to provide treatment.

While some services require specific advance approval or preauthorization, certain services are specifically excluded from coverage.

Detailed program material addressing covered and non-covered services and supplies, preauthorization requirements, and claim filing instructions are furnished to all program beneficiaries.

Vocational Training and Rehabilitation

VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service is available if it is reasonably feasible for the eligible child to achieve a vocational goal. The applicant must be a child:

- To whom VA has awarded a monthly allowance, and
- For whom VA has determined that achievement of a vocational goal is feasible.



Assistance

Eligibility & Application Information

by phone 888-820-1756

by e-mail birthdefects@vba.va.gov

website .. www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide

Health Care Benefits Information

by phone 888-820-1756

by e-mail cwvv.inq@med.va.gov

website www.va.gov/hac



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